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 <p>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	10/694,378
	Filing Date	October 27, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Roland Eichhorn et al.
	Group/Art Unit	3765
	Examiner Name	Shaun R. Hurley
	Attorney Docket No.	132702-0096

This is a request for a Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to:

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form 2038 enclosed)

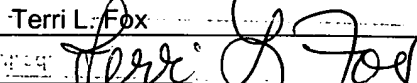
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Name (print/type)	William J. Clemens	Reg. No.	26,855
Signature		Date	January 13, 2006

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Effective 01/04/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ **Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$ 910)
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify) _____

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FEE CALCULATION

1. Basic Filing, Search, and Examination Fees

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

				Small Entity	
<u>Fee Description</u>				<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent				50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent				200	100
Multiple dependent claims				360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
<u> </u> - 20 or HP =	<u> </u> x	<u> </u> =	<u> </u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
HP = highest number of total claims paid for. if greater than 20.					

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
 _____ - 3 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____
 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE


If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(c)), the application size fee due is \$250 (125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each additional 50 Or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
	/50 =	(round up to a whole number) x		=

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge):	Request for Continued Examination and One-Month Extension of Time	910
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SUBMITTED BY		Complete (if applicable)
Typed or Printed Name	William J. Clemens	Reg. No. 26,855
Signature		Date January 13, 2006

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